



The Basic School

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY



Purpose: To promulgate the academic integrity policy for The Basic School (TBS). The intent of this policy letter is to inform TBS students and staff of the importance of academic integrity as it pertains to personal, academic, and professional endeavors.

Background: A man or woman of exemplary character is one who has integrity, that unfailing trait which, above all others, our Marines demand from their leaders. As a student at TBS, you must follow the TBS Academic Integrity Policy and uphold TBS standards of academic integrity.

Individual vs Collaborative Effort: Education within TBS requires an individual and collaborative effort. It is absolutely crucial for you to understand when each type of educational method is required and permitted. Individual effort is used during quizzes, written examinations and performance examinations, including land navigation and other military skills graded events. This is when you demonstrate your personal preparation and understanding of the subject. Collaborative effort is the focus of small group discussions and practical exercises. Collaboration can help you and your fellow learners achieve a deeper level of understanding than studying alone.

Protecting Institutional Integrity: Students will not compile or collaborate to compile "gouge sheets" or notes that record and/or pass to other students any components of TBS evaluation material in any form.

Quizzes: Lesson quizzes are individual effort. They are to be taken prior to receiving the corresponding lecture within a specified time limit. They are done on an individual basis without aid from student handouts, notes, or any other materials related to the subject matter.

Written Exams: Written exams are individual effort. They are taken in class and managed by the Testing and Evaluation Section. The only materials allowable for the exam are directed by TBS, typically listed on the exam cover sheet.

Studying and Homework: Work done outside working hours in preparation for lessons, exams, field events, or any other scheduled event, particularly while unsupervised by a Basic School staff member, is considered homework. It is expected that students will help teach each other, hold study groups, and collaborate to learn. It is expected that all individual student work will be his or her own.

STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY VIOLATIONS

I understand that a Marine leader's integrity must be above reproach. I fully understand TBS Academic Integrity Policy and will uphold the standards expected in both individual and collaborative effort. I understand that if I am caught or suspected of cheating, the situation will be investigated by TBS staff and I will be held accountable. Possible consequences for cheating, or the reasonable perception of cheating, include but are not limited to:

- Automatic failure of the assignment/lesson/event
- Direct referral to a Student Performance Review Board (SPRB)
- Separation from service
- Failure of the course
- Legal proceedings

Print Name

Signature

Date